First Generation



John Bangs Dayton

1. John Bangs Dayton^{1,2,3,4,5,6}, Source. Born on 10 Jul 1833 in Harpersfield, Delaware Co., NY. John Bangs died in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA, on 19 Nov 1908; he was 75. Family Buried on 20 Nov 1908 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. West Wildwood Cemetery. Occupation: 1870 - Jeweler. Occupation: 1880 - Jeweler. Occupation: 1900 - Jeweler. Deweler. Deweler. Occupation: 1908 - Jeweler.

1889 - 1892 - City Directories of Williamsport, PA list John as a Watchmaker / Jeweler. During this period John resided at 252 West 4th St, Williamsport, PA^{10} . 11

1890 - Living at 231 East 4th Street, Williamsport, PA.⁵

1900 - Living at 231 East 4th Street, Williamsport, PA.6

1897 Jan 7 - "This is my last Will and Testament. I leave all of my property of whatever kind to my wife Frances Mary, and to her heirs, and appoint her two children Charles Nathaniel Graves (commonly known as Charlie

Dayton) and Frances Ella, wife of Charles Vorhes Runkle, as Executors of this will. John B. Dayton"¹²

1908 Nov 19 - Residing at 329 Walnut Street, Williamsport, PA at his time of death.

After his death resolutions about him were entered into the records of the Vestry in Christ Episcopal Church, Williamsport. It said that he was one of it's most faithful and devoted members who gave freely of his time and means to the work of the church and never failed in his duty. It further states "...he served during the whole term of the Civil War participating in many of it's greatest battles. His modesty prevented him from making reference to his splendid record as a soldier, but none better than his comrades knew of this valor and brave deeds. His was a character of gentleness and courtesy, considerate of others and kindly disposed to all with whom he had any relations in life. He was an honest, trustworthy and upright man, and set an example to the citizens of Williamsport."

Military: 1861 Jun 21 - Enlisted into Company D, 34th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment (a.k.a. the 5th PA Reserve Infantry). Also known as "Slifer Guards" of Union County. 4

1862 Apr - Unit moves to Manassas and occupies the "deserted quarters of the rebels". 15

1862 June 30 Wounded and taken prisoner at Charles City Cross Roads.¹⁴

1862 December 13 - Wounded at Fredericksburg. 14

1863 Mar 5 - Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps. 13 12

1863 Dec - The 3rd Brigade was sent to Manassas Junction to guard the Orange & Alexandria RR.¹⁵

1864 Jan - Has portrait taken at R. W. Addis Photographer, 308 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC.

1864 Jun 11 - Mustered out at Harrisburg, PA. 13 12

1865 Mar 13 - Promoted to 1st Lieutenant (by brevet).¹³

1890 Jul 9 - Applies for pension.¹⁶

1890 Jun 20 - "War Department, Paymaster General's Office, Mr. John B. Dayton, I enclose herewith my check No. 440410 on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, of this date for \$100 in payment of your claim as settled by Treasury Certificate No. 59639. Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, D. R. Larned, Paymaster, USA" 12

John Bangs married **Frances Mary Eddy**^{1,2,3,4}, Spouse. Born on 13 Jun 1826 in NY State. Frances Mary died in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA, on 3 Feb 1899; she was 72. Buried on 6 Feb 1899 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. Wildwood Cemetery.

They had the following children:

i. Charles N. Graves Dayton^{1,2,3,4,6}. Born on 4 Jun 1850 in NY State.^{1,8,2,3,4,6} Charles N. Graves died in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA, on 8 Jun 1905; he was 55.^{1,8} Buried on 11 Jun 1905 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA.⁸ Wildwood Cemetery. Occupation: 1870 - Clerk in Dry Goods.³ Occupation: 1880 - Jeweler.⁴ Occupation: 1900 - Electroplating in Jewelry Store.⁶

1905 June 9 Gazette & Bulletin (Williamsport, PA) "End comes suddenly to Charles N. Dayton Well know resident, taken ill in his father's store. Hardly reached home before he expired of Heart Failure. The best of friends of Charles N. Dayton, a well-knows citizen,

were shocked Thursday to hear of his sudden death, which occurred ate 11:45 o'clock a.m. Mr. Dayton was taken ill while at the jewelry store of his father, John B. Dayton corner of Fourth and Hepburn streets and hurrying home, he became so much worse while on the way that it was with difficulty that he reached the family residence before the end. Mr. Dayton has been in apparent god health, but while at work a the store he complained of not felling well, and shortly before noon remarked that he would go to his home, 508 Market street. He had almost reached the house, having slowly wended his way down Firth street toward Market, when growing suddenly weak, he leaned against a fence for support. An occupant of the residence noticed that Mr. Dayton was very ill, and summoning help, assisted him across Market street to his home. The desperately sick man was unable to take to members of the family but mound frequently, and Dr. W. E. Glosser was hurriedly summoned, but Mr. Dayton had passed away before he arrived. The doctor said that heart failure had undoubtedly brought about the end. The deceased, who is survived by his father and his sister, Mrs. Charles V. Runkle, with whom he made his home, was 54 years of age. The funeral will occur from the house Saturday afternoon."17

ii. Frances Ella Graves Dayton (24 Apr 1854-21 Jan 1920)

Second Generation

Family of John Bangs Dayton (1) & Frances Mary Eddy

2. Frances Ella Graves Dayton^{1,2,4,6,18}, Daughter. Born on 24 Apr 1854 in NY State. ^{1,2,3,4,6,8,19} Frances Ella Graves died in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA, on 21 Jan 1920; she was 65. Buried on 24 Jan 1920 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. Wildwood Cemetery.

1920 - Residing with her daughter Virginia at 228 West 3rd Street, Williamsport, PA. 18

On 18 Jan 1877 when Frances Ella Graves was 22, she married **Charles Vorhis Runkle**^{4,6,8,20}, Spouse of Daughter, son of Nelson Runkle (27 Aug 1820-26 Jun 1889) & Sarah A. Vorhis (Voorhees) (16 Nov 1823-30 May 1904), in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. ¹² Born on 21 Sep 1851 in NJ. ^{4,6,8,7,20,19} Charles Vorhis died in Upper Providence, Delaware Co., PA, on 15 Nov 1912; he was 61. ^{18,20} Buried on 18 Nov 1912 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. ⁸ Wildwood Cemetery. Occupation: 1900 - Teller in Bank. ⁶ Occupation: 1912 - Merchant at the time of his death. ²⁰

1912 Nov. 15 - On the Death Certificate for Charles Vorhis Runkle the person given gthe information is his son-in-law Noel W. Smith of Media, PA.⁷

They had the following children:

i. Helen Graves Runkle^{4,6,21,22,23,24}. Born in May 1878 in PA.^{4,6} Helen Graves died abt 1940; she was 61.²³



Noel W. Smith

On 2 Mar 1905 when Helen Graves was 26, she married **Noel W. Smith**^{21,22,23,24,20}, Spouse of Granddaughter in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA.²⁴ Christ Church. Born in Mar 1870 in PA.^{24,25} Noel W. died in Philadelphia, PA, abt 1965; he was 94.²⁵ Occupation: 1920 - General Superintendent, Eastern Division, Pennsylvania RR.²¹ Occupation: 1930 - Civil Engineer with RR.²²

1912 - Living in Media, PA when he was the informant for his father-in-law's death.²⁰

1930 - Living in Radnor, Delaware Co., PA²²

1940 - Listed in census of Radnor, Delaware Co., PA. Living in the household is his wife's nephew Harry N. Runkle (age 19)²³

- 3 ii. Nelson Dayton Runkle (8 Apr 1880-25 Apr 1928)
 - iii. Mary Virginia Runkle^{6,18,26,23,8}. Born in Feb 1882 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. ^{6,8} Mary Virginia died in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA, in 1963; she was 80. ⁸ Buried in 1963 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. ⁸ Wildwood Cemetery. Occupation: 1920 Clerk in West Branch Bank. ¹⁸ Occupation: 1930 Clerk in Bank. ²⁶

Third Generation

Family of Frances Ella Graves Dayton (2) & Charles Vorhis Runkle

3. Nelson Dayton Runkle^{4,6,27}, Grandson. Born on 8 Apr 1880 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. ^{4,8,19} Nelson Dayton died in Kane, McKean Co., PA, on 25 Apr 1928; he was 48. ^{8,19} Measles and Bronchial Pneumonia. Buried on 28 Apr 1928 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., PA. ⁸ Wildwood Cemetery. Occupation: 1920 - Civil Engineer, Steam Railroad. ²⁷ Occupation: 1928 - Railroad Supervisor. ¹⁹

1880 - Nelson Dayton Runkle was Baptised.24

1894 - Nelson Dayton Runkle was Confirmed. 24

1920 - Nelson D. age 39 is listed as Widowed.²⁷

On 2 Jan 1913 when Nelson Dayton was 32, he first married Georgia E. Griffin¹², Spouse of Grandson. 12

On 10 Jun 1920 when Nelson Dayton was 40, he second married **Suddie (Susan) Stringer Jones**^{12,28,29,30}, Spouse of Grandson, daughter of Shadrick Stringer (Feb 1870-bef 1940) & Martha (Marthy) Dawson (Mar 1870-). Born in Jul 1892 in PA.^{29,30} Occupation: 1920 - Private duty nurse.³⁰

1900 - Suddie appears on the census at age 7 with the name of Susan.²⁸

[Possible explanation of the progression of the name might be Susan = Susie = Suddie She had to younger siblings who might not have been able to pronounce Susan]

They had one child:

4 i. Harry Noel Runkle (8 Apr 1921-17 Aug 1998)

Fourth Generation

Family of Nelson Dayton Runkle (3) & Suddie (Susan) Stringer Jones

4. Harry Noel Runkle^{31,23,32}, G Grandson. Born on 8 Apr 1921 in Clearfield Co., PA. ^{32,33,34,23} Harry Noel died in St. Petersburg, FL, on 17 Aug 1998; he was 77. ^{32,34} Occupation: 1942 - Foreman n. e. c. at time of Enlistment into the Army. ³⁵ Occupation: 1998 - Electrical Engineer. ³² Education: Graduate of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, PA. ³²

1948 - Marriage record shows Harry N. Runkle married Buzby - no first name listed. 36

Military: 1942 Nov. 30 - Harry N. Runkle born in 1921 in Pennsylvania enlisted as a Private in the US Army. His record shows he was single, without dependents and had 1 year of college. Resident of Delaware Co., PA. 35,33

In 1948 when Harry Noel was 26, he married **Jeanne Paulina Buzby**^{37,23,32,36,12}, Spouse of G Grandson, daughter of Charles E. Buzby Jr. (Jun 1889-) & Ethel B. Unknown (wife of Charles C. Buzby) (1893-), in Philadelphia, PA.³⁶ Born in 1920 in PA.^{37,23} Jeanne Paulina died aft 2014; she was 94.¹² Education: 1940 - First year college.²³

They had the following children:

- i. Child
- ii. Child
- iii. Child

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